



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING A LIFE-SPAN OF A CUTTER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the last full paragraph of page 7 with the following:

At an upper side within the housing 16 is disposed a sheet magazine 32, in which the sheet P is wound around a supply reel 20. The sheet P is nipped and unwound by nipping rollers 26 and 27, and thereafter a sheet piece having a predetermined length is cut off therefrom by a sheet cutter 50, details of which will be described hereinbelow. Then, the sheet piece is conveyed by guidance of conveyor rollers 47, 48 and guide plates 49 and wound around the heating drum 42 together with the photosensitive material in an overlapping manner.

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